



THE HELMS FAMILY

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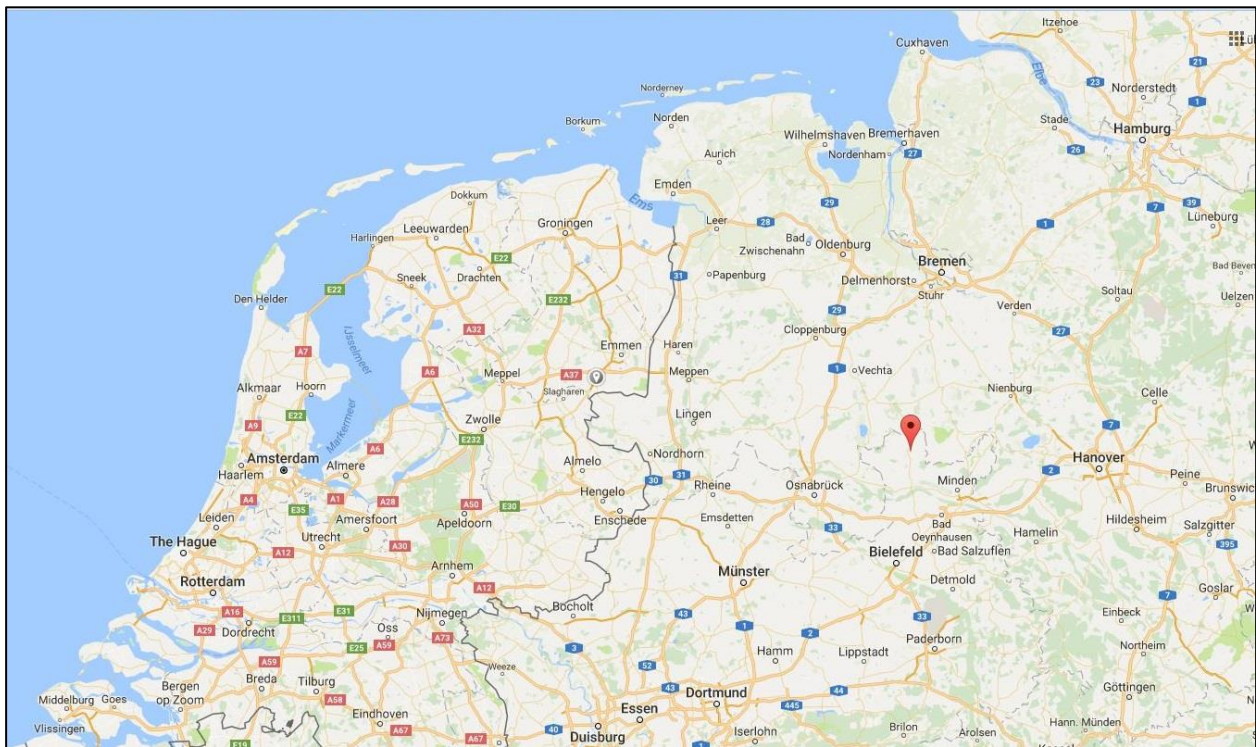
WESTPHALIA

Both the Helms and the Schmalgemeier families were from the area in Europe known as Westphalia—at times an independent country and for some time part of the Kingdom of Prussia. The area is now in the northwestern part of modern Germany.

They all lived in or around the town of Rahden, which is at the northern edge of what is now the German state of North Rhine-Westphalia. The Helmses lived in Preußisch Ströhen within Rahden.

Marie Schmalgemeier's father's family was from Rahden, too, but he married her mother about 34 kilometers north of Rahden in Drebber in the Osnabrück district of Hanover, a Prussian province (now in the German state of Lower Saxony). The villages or parishes of Jacobidrebber, Mariendrebber, and Deckau are all within Drebber.

All of the parish records used for this research are from images of Evangelical Lutheran church registers viewed online.



The red marker shows the town of Rahden, which contains Preußisch Ströhen and Wehe. (Ströhen is sometimes spelled *Stroehen*.) Drebber is about 34 kilometers north of it. Courtesy of Google Maps.

HENRY HELMS'S GREAT-GRANDPARENTS

The name of the father of Christian Heinrich (Henry) Helms was not recorded in the church register. Therefore, we don't know his great-grandparents on his father's side.

JOHANN CONRAD FRIEDRICH AND ANNE MARGARETHE DOROTHEE (LANGHORST) NIEMEIER/NIEMEYER

Johann Conrad/Cord Friedrich Niemeyer married Anne Margarethe Dorothee Langhorst. They had eight children, all born in Rahden:

- Christian Heinrich Niemeyer, born March 14, 1794.
- Friedrich Wilhelm Niemeyer, born February 05, 1796.
- Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Niemeyer, born May 22, 1798. **Our ancestor; see later section.**
- Anne Margarethe Christine Wilhelmina Niemeyer, born August 01, 1800.
- Georg Carl Dietrich Niemeyer, born April 22, 1803.
- Christoph Heinich Niemeyer, born September 23, 1806.
- Anne Margarethe Marie Elisabeth Niemeyer, born July 21, 1809.
- Friedrich Conrad Gottlieb Niemeyer, born July 12, 1813.

Their son Johann Friedrich Wilhelm married Anna Margarethe Catherine Dorothee Schröder. The name Niemeier is spelled *Niemeyer* in many records.

JOHAN WILHELM AND CHRISTINE WILHELMINE LOUISE (SCHLECHTE) SCHRÖDER

Johan Wilhelm Schröder, born in 1798, married Christine Wilhelmine Louise Schlechte January 24, 1798, in Rahden. She was born July 5, 1774, in Kleinendorf, Minden-Lubbecke, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany, to Johan Cord and Anne Marie Dorothee (Beerhorst) Schlechte. Johan and Christine had six children:

- Anna Margarethe Wilhelmine Sophie Schröder, born February 6, 1798.
- Anne Margarethe Wilhelmine Dorothee Catherine Schröder, born June 23, 1799, in Rahden. **Our ancestor; see later section.**
- Sophie Dorothee Schröder, born September 24, 1801, in Rahden.
- Friedrich Wilhelm Schröder, born June 17, 1803, in Rahden.
- Wilhelmine Elisabeth Schröder, born September 14, 1813, in Rahden.
- Heinrich Anton Schröder, born September 10, 1816, in Ströhen.

Their daughter Anna Margarethe Wilhelmine Dorothee Catherine married Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Niemeyer. Johan Schröder died of pneumonia April 6, 1829, in Kleinendorf. Christine died of "age-related weakness" April 8, 1846, in the same place.

NOTE: The name Schröder is often spelled *Shroeder*, and the name Schlecte is sometimes spelled *Schlicte*.

HENRY HELMS'S GRANDPARENTS

The name of the father of Christian Heinrich (Henry) Helms was not recorded in the church register. Therefore, we don't know his grandparents on his father's side.

JOHANN FRIEDRICH WILHELM AND ANNE MARGARETHE CATHERINE DOROTHEE (SCHRÖDER) NIEMEYER

Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Niemeyer was born May 22, 1798, in Rahden. He married Anne Margarethe Wilhelmine Dorothee Catherine Schröder October 31, 1823, in Preußisch Ströhen. He was a farmer.

They had ten children:

- Anne Margarethe Wilhelmine Niemeier, born December 25, 1823. She married Johann Christian Friedrich Meier December 03, 1852, in Rahden.
- Christine Wilhelmine Niemeier, born September 14, 1834. She married Christian Friedrich Meier March 23, 1866, in Preußisch.
- Catharine Marie Niemeier, born September 19, 1832. She married Wilhelm August Meier March 10, 1865, in Preußisch.
- Marie Christine Elisabeth Niemeier, born December 22, 1837, in Ströhen. **Our ancestor; see later section.**
- Dorothee Margarethe Niemeier, born December 24, 1829, in Ströhen. She married Heinrich Friedrich Woltmann October 12, 1855, in Preußisch.
- Sophie Marie Niemeier, born October 4, 1825.
- Christian Friedrich Niemeier, born March 5, 1828.
- Christine Caroline Niemeier, born February 11, 1841; died April 20, 1841.
- Christoph Heinrich Niemeier, born December 4, 1836; died December 7, 1836.
- Caroline Sophie Niemeier, born August 24, 1842.

Johann died in November 1823.

HENRY HELMS'S PARENTS

UNKNOWN FATHER AND MARIE CHRISTINE ELISABETH NIEMEIER

The name of the father of Christian Heinrich (Henry) Helms was not recorded in the church register; his mother, Marie Niemeier Helms, had been widowed for 11 months at the time of his birth September 19, 1877. She had been married to Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Gottlieb Helms for 16 years, but he had died of a "chest illness" October 29, 1876. Christian Heinrich was given his widowed mother's married name.

Marie Christine Elisabeth Niemeier had married Johann Helms April 11, 1860, in Ströhen, and they had had three children together:

- Carl Friedrich Helms, born about October 15, 1860, in Preußisch Ströhen.
- Friedrich Wilhelm Helms, born March 16, 1864, in Preußisch Ströhen; died 1941. He married Marie Elise Luehning January 30, 1891, in Rahden.
- Heinrich Hermann Helms, born September 11, 1867, in Preußisch Ströhen; never married; died November 1, 1937, in Colorado or Kansas. Buried in Burdett, Barton County, Kansas.

When Heinrich/Henry was six years old, Marie married Heinrich Wilhelm Lagmueller (also spelled *Lagmöller*) November 7, 1883. Lagmueller had previously been married to Marie Sophie Rueter, who had died in 1882. Heinrich Lagmueller and his first wife had had five children, and three of their daughters came to Great Bend, Kansas, before their stepbrother Heinrich/Henry arrived.

- Sophia Dorothea Lagmueller, born February 11, 1868, married Wilhelm Frederick Picker May 29, 1887 in Great Bend, Kansas, and died October 5, 1912, in Riverside, Orange County, California.
- Dora Lagmueller, born March 13, 1870, in the Wehe district of Rahden, married Jacob Harenberg December 26, 1892, in Great Bend and died April 16, 1947, in Trinidad, Colorado.
- And Marie Louise Lagmueller, born January 3, 1876, came to the USA in May 1893 with the destination of Great Bend on the immigration ship's list. She married Rudolph F. Pieper between then and 1900 and died July 16, 1958, in Los Angeles.

Heinrich Lagmueller and Marie Niemeyer Helms had one child together: Wilhelmine Christine Lagmueller, born about 1884. She stayed in Germany with them. Marie died of pneumonia March 7, 1907, in Wehe, Rahden.

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MARIE SCHMALGEMEIER'S GREAT-GRANDPARENTS

FRANZ HEINRICH (ORIGINALLY SCHLIECKRIEDE) AND CHRISTINE MARIE ELISABETH (TANNE/THANE) SCHMALGEMEIER

Franz Heinrich (Schlieckriede) Schmalgemeier was born to farmer Ernst Henrich Thane and Anne Catharine Ilsaben Schlieckriede in Wehe December 17, 1780. He was baptized with his mother's surname, Schlieckriede, but he took the last name of Schmalgemeier from his first wife, Margarethe Elisabeth Schmalgemeier, when he married her December 9, 1807. (It is not known where Margarethe got the name; she had the last name of Eckbert when she married Ernst Böckenkröger before she married Franz.) They had two sons together:

- Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Schmalgemeier, christened December 16, 1807, died September 5, 1811.
- Friedrich Heinrich Schmalgemeier, born June 8, 1810.

Margarethe died July 4, 1810, less than a month after their second son was born.

Franz kept the name Schmalgemeier when he married Christine Tanne less than two months later, on August 29, 1810, in Rahden. The name is spelled *Schmalgemeyer* in some of the records.

Christine Marie Elisabeth Tanne had been born to Johann Henrich Wolter and Anne Marie Dorothee Tanne in Varl, Sielhorst, June 20, 1780. (Note she also used her mother's maiden name as her own last name even though her parents were married Feb. 26, 1772. The name is sometimes spelled Thane.)

Franz and Christine had four sons:

- Johann Christoph Wilhelm Schmalgemeier, born May 26, 1811.
- Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Schmalgemeier, born November 8, 1813. **Our ancestor; see later section.**
- Johann Friedrich Schmalgemeier, born January 21, 1819; died June 28, 1819.
- Christian Friedrich Wilhelm Schmalgemeier, born February 15, 1821.

Christine died June 20, 1846, and Franz died May 16, 1860.

THOMAS AND CHRISTINE (TIEKER) KRÖGER

Thomas and Christine (Tieker) Kröger were the parents of Catharine Marie Elisabeth Kröger, who was born October 25, 1825. She married Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Schmalgemeier. The name Kröger is spelled *Kroeger* in some records.

MARIE SCHMALGEMEIER'S GRANDPARENTS

JOHANN FRIEDRICH WILHELM AND CATHARINE MARIE ELISABETH (KRÖGER) SCHMALGEMEIER

Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Schmalgemeier was born November 18, 1813. He married Catharine Marie Elisabeth Kröger February 15, 1843, in Rahden.

Johann and Catharine Kröger had four children:

- Franz Heinrich/Henry Schmalgemeier, born December 31, 1843, in Rahden. (NOTE: The date is incorrect in his Declaration of Intention and Petition for Naturalization—January 1, 1842—and his death certificate—January 1, 1843. The date of 1843 is from the church register.) **Our ancestor; see later section.**
- Dorothea Sophia Schmalgemeier, born January 26, 1846, in Rahden. Married William Eikmeier February 4, 1870, in Rahden and died in Pawnee County, Kansas, in 1929.
- Christian Wilhelm Schmalgemeier, born May 10, 1853, in Rahden; died March 31, 1872.
- Sophie Marie Schmalgemeier, born April 30, 1849. Married Christian Heinrich Klingsieck March 25, 1870, in Rahden and died February 25, 1935.

FRIEDRICH WILHELM AND ANNA SOPHIE FRIEDERIKE (HOLTHUS) KEMPF

There is no church record for the marriage of this couple although there is one for a Johan Friedrich Wilhelm Kempf and a Johanne Dorothee Wilhelmine Holthus. Likewise there are records for Johanne Dorothee Wilhelmine's birth and death (in 1862). There are no birth records for parents with these names. It's possible they are the same couple.

Three births are recorded for Friedrich Wilhelm and Anna Sophie (Holthus) Kempf:

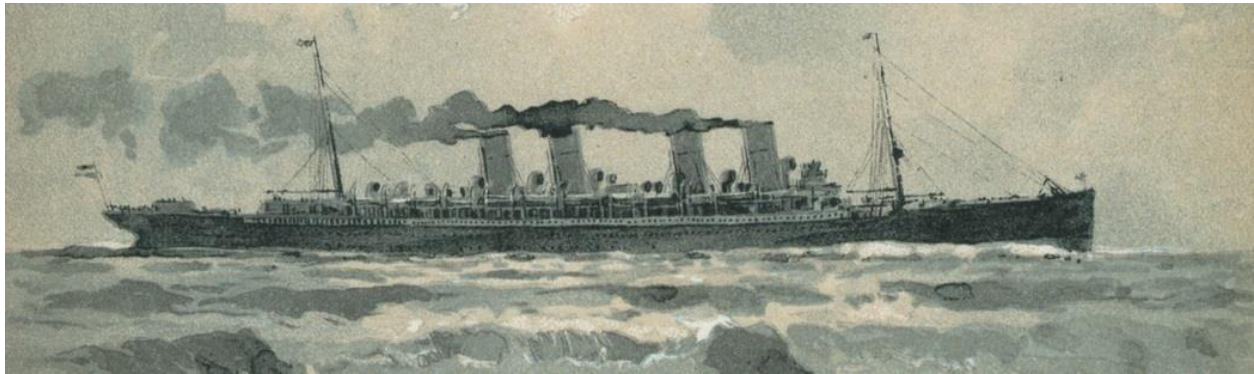
- L[?] Friedrich August Kempf, born 1856.
- Georgina Lisette Kempf, born 1858.
- Rosine Justina Sophia Kempf, born in Wetschenhardt (in the parish of Jacobidrebbler) January 13, 1861. **Our ancestor; see later section.**

MARIE SCHMALGEMEIER'S PARENTS HENRY AND ROSINE (KEMPF) SCHMALGEMEIER

Henry Schmalgemeier was born December 31, 1843, and baptised January 3, 1844, according to the church register.

He first married Johanne Friederike Schröder. She was almost 38 years old when she died of consumption (tuberculosis) July 7, 1881.

He married Rosine Justina Sophia Kempf December 9 of that year. Marie was born April 25, 1883, in Däkau (Deckau), a tiny village in Drebber, and Rosine died of consumption there May 18



The *Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse*. Courtesy of New York Public Library.

the following year.

Marie and her father came to Great Bend, Kansas, from Drebber in 1901. They arrived in New York City on the steamship *Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse* February 27, 1901. Marie later told her children she was seasick all the way across the ocean. They had left from Bremen February 19, so the voyage lasted about a week. The authorities at Ellis Island placed a hold on Henry because of a disability (which is, unfortunately, illegible). His grandchildren remembered he was crippled and couldn't walk straight, so they thought he wasn't allowed to enter the U.S. directly and had to come through Canada instead.

Henry and Marie had traveled with Henry's sister, Dorothea Sophia Schmalgemeier Eikmeier, and her husband, William, so they probably completed the journey to Great Bend, Kansas, together. The Eikmeiers had previously come to Great Bend, established a farm, and become naturalized citizens.

Henry worked on his sister and brother-in-law's farm, later in Garfield, Pawnee County, and became an American citizen in 1906. He moved to his daughter's home for the last few months of his life and died June 25, 1924.

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HENRY AND MARIE (SCHMALGEMEIER) HELMS

Henry Helms arrived in New York City on September 20, 1893, having traveled from Bremen and Southampton in steerage on the steamship *Havel*. The ship's list describes him as a 16-year-old farmer from Germany.

His early years in the USA are not clear. Although his three stepsisters apparently were already living in Great Bend, Kansas, his destination was East Henderson, Minnesota, where his older half-brother Herman was living. His daughter said he did farm work with his brother for a while. He was naturalized in 1898.

At some point, he moved to Great Bend and worked on Dorothea and William Eikmeier's farm in Liberty, Barton County, Kansas. The Eikmeiers had immigrated from Rahden (same place as Henry) about 1890, so it's possible he knew them or their families in Europe.

In 1901, Dorothea's widowed brother Henry Schmalgemeier and his daughter Marie arrived from Germany, and they began working for Dorothea and her husband as well. That is how Henry and Marie met; they were married April 15, 1904, in Great Bend.

In the 1905 Kansas state census (March 1, 1905), Henry and Marie were still living in Liberty but not with the Eikmeiers. Later that year, their first child, Mary, was born in Dundee while Henry was working on the railroad.



The *Havel*, 1893. Courtesy of Hoboken Historical Museum.



Herman and Henry Helms, soon after Henry's arrival in the USA.



Remains of Henry and Marie Helms' post rock house.



Closeup of limestone rocks used to build the house.
Photos by Laurel Busch, 1977.

By the time of the 1910 census, they had three children and owned a farm in the Browns Grove township (near the little town of Burdett), Pawnee County. In the next few years, the family grew and they bought a farm in the Shiley township north of Burdett. They were there in the 1920 census. They lived in a small post rock house for a while and then built a frame house on another part of their property.

They had nine children:

- Mary Carolyn Helms, born August 23, 1905, in Dundee; did not marry; died September 17, 1979, in Larned, Pawnee County.
- Christ H. Helms, born July 28, 1907, in Pawnee County; did not marry; died June 26, 1986, in Larned.
- Martin William Helms, born May 24, 1910, in Burdett; married LaVone Casey in McCracken, Kansas, July 21, 1947, and had four children; died September 25, 1979, in Dighton, Kansas.
- Fred Helms, born July 12, 1911, in Burdett/Shiley; died after drinking coal oil July 12, 1912.
- Bill F. Helms, born May 19, 1913; married Irene Dreher in Liebenthal August 30, 1949, and had two children; died March 14, 1997, in Spearville, Kansas.
- Christina M. Helms, born September 13, 1916; married Harold Meckfessel in Garfield March 24, 1942, and had three sons; died August 3, 1991, in Larned.
- Rose Wilhamina Helms, born March 19, 1918, in Shiley; married Fred Busch in LaCrosse, Rush County, Kansas, February 5, 1948, and had three children; died November 12, 2003, in Reno, Washoe County, Nevada.
- Lena Dora Helms, born August 10, 1920; married Orville Schwertfeger May 11, 1941, and had a son; died March 20, 2002, in Barton County.
- Emma M. Helms, born February 1, 1923, in Burdett/Shiley; married Ray Williams in Rush Center, Kansas, September 13, 1948, and had three children; died January 07, 2007 in Fort Worth, Texas.

In the 1940s Henry and Marie bought a big, frame farmhouse. Their son Christ moved their former house across the property to where the old post rock house still sat, and he lived in it the rest of his life. The big farmhouse was sold at auction to the Millers after Henry and Marie died.

Henry was described as having medium height, a stout build, dark blue eyes, and dark hair in his World War I draft registration. He spoke English well, but Marie did not. She didn't speak it all in the 1920 census, and her children remembered she spoke broken English in later years.

Marie is "Friedarika" on the immigration ship's list, and the 1840 census taker recorded her name as "Freda Rita."

Marie died September 11, 1952. Henry lived with their daughter Christina and her family until his death September 24, 1956.



Martin, Bill, Christ, Henry, Christina, Marie, Rose, Lina, Emma. Missing: Fred and Mary. Early 1940s?



Last Helms home. Photo by Phillip Busch, 1960.

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Henry C. Helms Ancestors

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Henry C. Helms

b: 19 Sep 1877 in Preußisch
Ströhen, Westphalia
m: 15 Apr 1904 in Great Bend,
Barton Co., Kansas
d: 24 Sep 1956 in Burdett,
Pawnee Co., Kansas

**Johann Friedrich Wilhelm
Niemeyer**

b: 22 May 1798 in Rahden,
Westfalen, Preußen, Germany
m: 31 Oct 1823 in Rahden,
Westfalen
d: Nov 1823

Johann Cord Friedrich Niemeyer

b:
m:
d:

Anne Marie Dorothee Langhorst

b:
d:

**Marie Christine Elisabeth
Niemeier**

b: 22 Dec 1837 in Ströhen,
Rahden, Westfalen
d: 07 Mar 1907 in Wehe,
Rahden, Westphalia, Germany

**Anne Margarethe Wilhelmine
Dorothee Catherine Schröder**

b: 23 Jun 1799 in Ströhen at
34, Rahden, Westfalen
d:

Johan Wilhelm Schroeder

b: 1768
m: 24 Jan 1798 in Rahden,
Westfalen
d: 06 Apr 1829 in Kleinendorf
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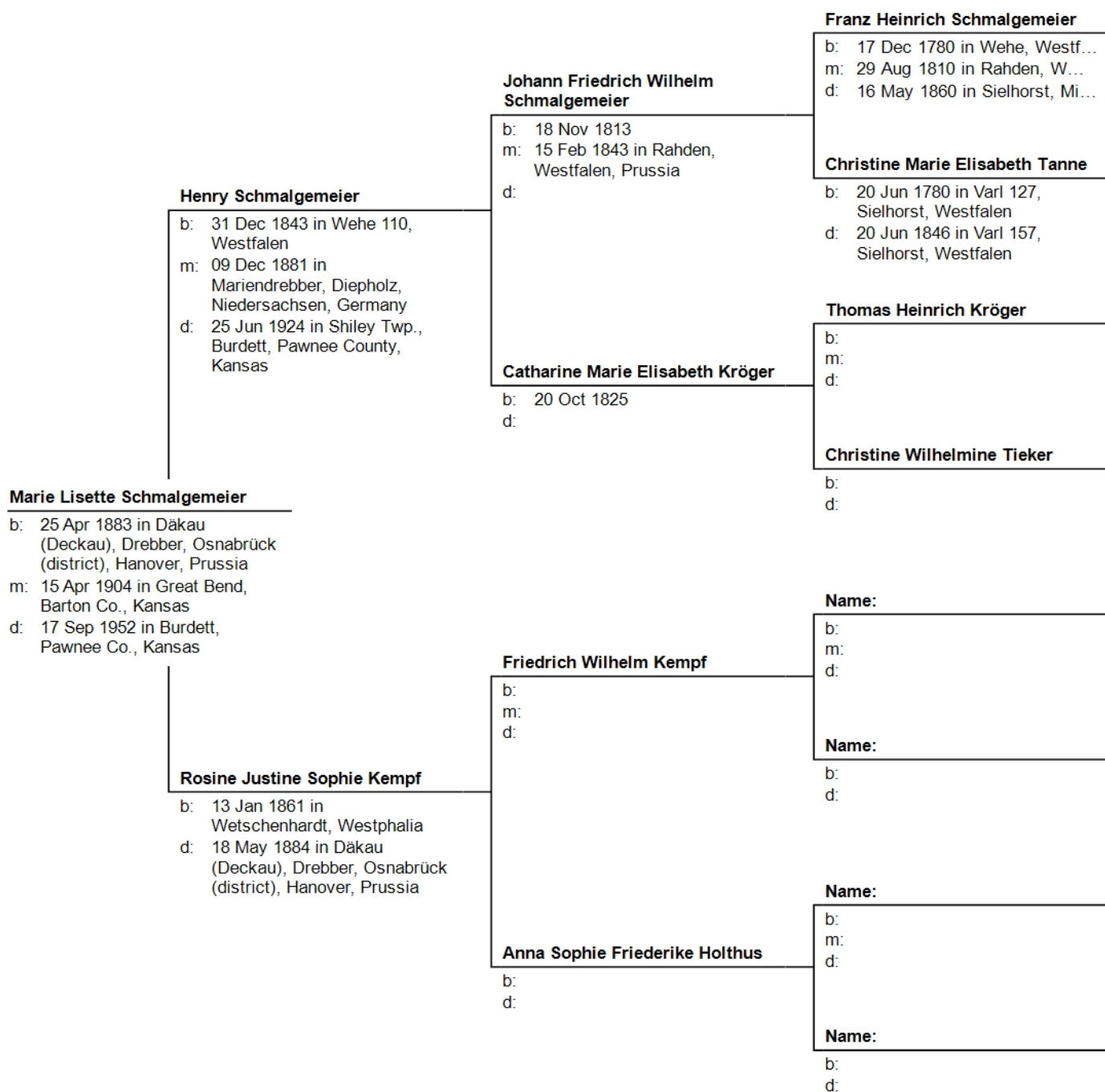
**Christine Wilhelmine Louise
Schlechte**

b: 05 Jul 1774 in Kleinendorf, M...
d: 08 Apr 1846 in Kleinendorf,...



Marie Schmalgemeier Ancestors

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Johann Cordt Thane

b: 20 Aug 1704 in Varl, Minden-Lubbecke, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

m:
d:

R. Thane

b:
m:
d:

Anne Margrete ?

b:
d:

Ernst Henrich Thane

b: 26 Feb 1730
m:
d: 11 Jan 1812 in Wehe, Rahden, Westfalia

Anna Maria Böhne

b: 19 Apr 1716
d:

Hardtke Böhne

b:
m:
d:

Anna Maria ?

b:
d:

Franz Heinrich Schmalgemeier

b: 17 Dec 1780 in Wehe, Westfalen
m: 29 Aug 1810 in Rahden, Westfalen, Prussia
d: 16 May 1860 in Sielhorst, Minden-Lubbecke, Nordrhein-Westfalen, Germany

Christoph Schmidt

b:
m:
d:

Christina ?

b:
d:

Johann Henrich Schmed

b: 13 Mar 1708
m:
d:

Anne Catharine Ilsaben Schlieckriede

b: 18 Mar 1735 in Wehe, Rahden, Westfalia
d:

Maria Dorothea Schlieckriede

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Johann Henrich Wolter

b: Sielhorst, Westfalen
m: 26 Feb 1772 in Rahden,
Westfalen, Preußen, Germany
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Christine Marie Elisabeth Tanne

b: 20 Jun 1780 in Varl 127,
Sielhorst, Westfalen
m: 29 Aug 1810 in Rahden,
Westfalen, Prussia
d: 20 Jun 1846 in Varl 157,
Sielhorst, Westfalen

Name:

b:
m:
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Name:

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Cord Henrich Tanne

b: Abt. 1708
m:
d: 27 Sep 1775 in Varl 127,
Sielhorst, Westfalen

Name:

b:
m:
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Name:

b:
d:

Anne Marie Dorothee Tanne

b: 31 May 1739 in Sielhorst,
Westfalen
d: 10 Sep 1810 in Varl 127,
Sielhorst, Westfalen

Margret Eliesabeth Lahrman

b: 21 May 1712
d: 29 Jan 1778 in Varl 127,
Sielhorst, Westfalen



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Christian Heinrich/Henry C. and Marie (Schmalgemeier) Helms Family

Husband:		Henry C. "Christian Heinrich" Helms
	Birth:	Sep 19, 1877 in Germany ³
	Marriage:	Apr 15, 1904 in Great Bend, Barton Co., Kansas ⁴
	Death:	Sep 24, 1956 in Burdett, Pawnee Co., Kansas ⁵
	Burial:	Browns Grove Cemetery, Burdett, KS
	Father:	Johann Friedrich Wilhelm Gottlieb Helms ¹
	Mother:	Marie Christine Elisabeth Niemeier ²
Wife:		Marie Liesette Schmalgemeier ⁶
	Birth:	Apr 25, 1883 in Deckau, Drebber, Osnabrück (district), Hanover, Prussia ⁷
	Death:	Sep 17, 1952 in Burdett, Pawnee Co., Kansas ⁵
	Burial:	Sep 19, 1952 in Browns Grove Cemetery, Burdett, KS
	Father:	Henry "Franz Heinrich Schmalgemeier" Schmalgemeier
	Mother:	Frida ?
Children:		
1	Name:	Mary Carolyn Helms
F	Birth:	Aug 23, 1905 in Dundee, KS ⁸
	Death:	Sep 17, 1979 in St. Joseph's Memorial Hospital, Larned, KS ⁹
	Burial:	Sep 20, 1979
2	Name:	Christ H. Helms
M	Birth:	Jul 28, 1907 in Pawnee County, Kansas ¹⁰
	Death:	Jun 26, 1986 in Hammond Holiday Home, Larned, Pawnee Co., Kansas ¹¹⁻¹²
	Burial:	Jun 28, 1986 in Browns Grove Cemetery, Burdett, KS ¹³
3	Name:	Martin William Helms
M	Birth:	May 24, 1909 in Burdett, Pawnee County, KS ¹³⁻¹⁴
	Marriage:	Jul 21, 1947 in McCracken, Kansas ¹⁵
	Death:	Sep 25, 1979 in Lane County Hospital, Dighton, Kansas ¹³
	Burial:	Sep 27, 1979 in Dighton Memorial Cemetery, Dighton, Kansas ¹³
	Spouse:	LaVone Casey
4	Name:	Fred Helms
M	Birth:	Jul 12, 1911
	Death:	Jul 12, 1912
	Burial:	Browns Grove Cemetery, Burdett, KS
5	Name:	Bill F. "Willie" Helms
M	Birth:	May 19, 1913
	Marriage:	Aug 30, 1949 in Liebenthal, Kansas ¹⁶
	Death:	Mar 14, 1997 in his home in Spearville, Kansas ¹⁷
	Burial:	Mar 17, 1997 in Browns Grove, Burdett, KS ¹⁶
	Spouse:	Irene Dreher

Christian Heinrich/Henry C. and Marie (Schmalgemeier) Helms Family

6	Name:	Christina M. "Fern Kristine Mabel" Helms
F	Birth:	Sep 13, 1916 in Family farm, Burdett, Kansas ¹⁷
	Marriage:	Mar 24, 1942 in Methodist Church Parsonage, Garfield, Kansas ¹⁶
	Death:	Aug 03, 1991 in Hammond Holiday Home, Larned, Pawnee County, Kansas ¹⁶
	Burial:	Aug 06, 1991 in Garfield Cemetery, KS ¹⁷
	Spouse:	Harold A. Meckfessel
7	Name:	Rose Wilhamina Helms
F	Birth:	Mar 19, 1918 in Shiley, Kansas ¹⁸
	Marriage:	Feb 05, 1948 in St. Michael's Catholic Church, LaCrosse, Kansas
	Death:	Nov 12, 2003 in St. Mary's Hospital, Reno, Washoe Co., Nevada ¹⁹
	Burial:	Nov 19, 2003 in Mountain View Cemetery, Washoe Co., Nevada ¹⁹
	Spouse:	Fredrick Carl "Freddie" Busch
8	Name:	Lena Dora Helms
F	Birth:	Aug 10, 1920 in Kansas ²⁰
	Marriage:	May 11, 1941 in Home of F. J. Schwertfeger ²¹
	Death:	Mar 20, 2002 in A nursing home, Barton Co., KS ¹⁹
	Spouse:	Orville Frank Schwertfeger
	Other Spouses:	Nick Louis Bieberle (Oct 09, 1981 in Ellinwood, Barton Co., KS) ^[22]
9	Name:	Emma M. Helms
F	Birth:	Feb 01, 1923 in Burdett, Barton Co., Kansas ²³
	Marriage:	Sep 13, 1948 in Rush Center, Kansas ²⁴
	Death:	Jan 07, 2007 in Fort Worth, Texas ²⁵
	Spouse:	Raymond Williams

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